

# Editorial Notes

*Dear Readers,*

In the Editorial Notes of *APMS* 1.1, our Editor, Fr. Greg Soetomo, S.J., gave a brief presentation of the East Asian Pastoral Institute (EAPI) at the Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City, Philippines. He then explained the nature and purpose of the Institute's new online journal, *Asia Pacific Mission Studies*, and the kind of articles the journal aims to publish in line with the thrust of the EAPI.

It was announced that the first two issues of the journal would feature a selection of articles that appeared in *APMS*'s predecessor, the *East Asian Pastoral Review*, between 2006 and 2015. This would give an idea of the kind of articles and studies the *APMS* intends to publish. After the launch of *APMS* in September 2019, the first issue offered eight articles under the theme, *Theological Trends for Mission in Asia-Pacific: Fifty Years after Vatican II*. The articles touched on the history of mission in Asia, the new theology of the Vatican II Council, and the impact of Vatican II on pastoral and missionary praxis in Asia.

In this second issue of *APMS*, ten more articles are grouped under the general theme, *Challenges for Mission in Asia-Pacific: Fifty Years after Vatican II*. The contributions deal with:

- 1) the search for new ways of doing theology in Asia: an Asian way of doing theology, liberation ecclesiology for Asia, theological methodology for Asia, and narrative forms of theology;
- 2) biblical insights for Christian mission in Asia;
- 3) and challenges to the Asian churches and the exploration of some creative ways of responding to them: the BECs, intercultural and interreligious dialogue, and biblical apostolate.

We hope that, after having gone through the first series of articles published in the inaugural issue, you may have encountered helpful ideas and insights for appropriate responses to the challenges facing the Church of Asia-Pacific. May you continue to find them in the second series.

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